

WANTED

Mile-a-minute Vine ("MAM")

(*Polygonum perfoliatum*, also known as Devil's Tail, Asiatic Tearthumb, or *Persicaria perfoliata*)



Mile-a-minute Vine is a highly invasive annual weed, native to Asia, that was first discovered in Massachusetts in 2006. A single vine can grow up to 6 inches per day. Mile-a-minute vine climbs

over trees and posts, shading out other plants. It outcompetes and overgrows native species, causing ecological and economic damage. Your help is needed to prevent this plant from becoming established in Massachusetts.

Please help us find, track, and control this invasive plant!

THREE IDENTIFYING TRAITS:



1
Triangular leaves
(often nearly equilateral)



2
Small curved
barbs along stems

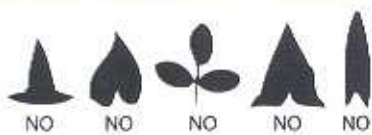


In summer, MAM fruits ripen from green to metallic blue



3
Saucer-shaped leaves (called ocrea) at
stem nodes

Leaf shapes of other
vines; these species do
not harm ecosystems and
should **not** be reported:



If you find a plant with all 3 traits, note its location, photograph it or take a sample, and **REPORT IT**:

- Visit <http://massnrc.org/pests> (click "Report MAM")
- Call the MDAR Plant Pest Hotline: 617-626-1779